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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

detecting that a connection is lost while a call between a telephone and a party is in progress;

prompting via the telephone for a user-entered message in response to the detecting;

saving the user-entered message until the connection is available;

sending the user-entered message after the connection is available to the party of the call; and

sending a transcript command from the telephone to a server after the connection is available, wherein the transcript command comprises a designated destination, a designated sender, and a designated receiver, wherein the transcript command requests the server to select previously-sent messages from a transcript stored at the server that were previously sent by the designated sender and were previously received by the designated receiver, wherein the transcript command further requests the server to send the selected previously-sent messages to the designated destination, wherein the designated destination comprises the telephone.

~~requesting, from the telephone to a server, that the server send a transcript of previously sent messages stored at the server from the server to the party of the call after the connection is available.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sending further comprises:
sending the user-entered message to the party of the call via the server.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

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receiving an acknowledgment from the server; and
presenting the acknowledgment.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for detecting that a connection is unavailable while a call between a telephone and a party is in progress;

means for receiving at least one user-entered message via the telephone;

means for saving the at least one user-entered message until the connection is available;

means for sending the at least one user-entered message to the party of the call after the connection is available; and

means for sending a transcript command from the telephone to a server after the connection is available, wherein the transcript command comprises a designated destination, a designated sender, and a designated receiver, wherein the transcript command requests the server to select previously-sent messages from a transcript stored at the server that were previously sent by the designated sender and were previously received by the designated receiver, wherein the transcript command further requests the server to send the selected previously-sent messages to the designated destination, wherein the designated destination comprises the telephone.~~means for requesting, from the telephone to the server, that a server send a transcript of previously-sent messages stored at the server from the server to the party of the call after the connection is available.~~

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for sending the at least one user-entered message further comprises:

means for sending the at least one user-entered message via the server.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

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means for receiving an acknowledgment that the at least one user-entered message was received at the server; and

means for presenting the acknowledgment.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

means for receiving an acknowledgment that the at least one user-entered message was sent from the server to the party; and

means for presenting the acknowledgment.

11. (Currently Amended) A signal-bearing medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

detecting that a connection is lost while a call between a telephone and a party is in progress;

prompting for a user-entered message via the telephone in response to the detecting;

receiving the user-entered message in response to the prompting;

determining whether the connection is available;

if the connection is unavailable, saving the user-entered message until the connection is available;

sending the user-entered message to the party of the call after the connection is available; and

sending a transcript command from the telephone to a server after the connection is available, wherein the transcript command comprises a designated destination, a designated sender, and a designated receiver, wherein the transcript command requests the server to select previously-sent messages from a transcript stored at the server that were previously sent by the designated sender and were previously received by the designated receiver, wherein the transcript command further requests the server to send the selected previously-sent messages to the designated destination, wherein the designated destination comprises the telephone, requesting, from the telephone to the

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~~server, that a server send a transcript of previously sent messages stored at the server
from the server to the party of the call after the connection is available.~~

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when
executed on the processor comprise:

receiving a command, wherein the command designates a destination and
a criteria, and wherein the command is sent to the server from a telephone in
response to the telephone detecting that a connection is lost while a call from the
telephone to a party is in progress,

retrieving a transcript of previously-sent messages at the server based on
the criteria, wherein the retrieving further comprises selecting previously-sent
messages from a transcript stored at the server that were previously sent by the
designated sender and were previously received by the designated receiver,

receiving a user-entered message that was prompted for in response to the
telephone detecting that the connection was lost,

determining whether the connection is available, and

when the connection is available, sending the transcript of previously-sent
messages and the user-entered message to the destination, wherein the destination
comprises the telephone party to the call.

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17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The server of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

 sending an acknowledgement to the telephone after the receiving.

20. (Previously presented) The server of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

 sending an acknowledgment to the telephone after the sending.